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Dear Sir:

Below is a proposed agenda for a phone interview to discuss the Final Office Action dated February 12, 2004, in which the Examiner applied new grounds of rejection to reject all the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. Applicants want to discuss the following issues.

The Examiner rejected independent claims 1, 21, and 39 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over "Koster)("A Method for Web Robots Control", Internet Draft by Network Working Group) in view of Emens (U.S. Patent No. 6,434,548). Applicants want to discuss this rejection.

In particular, Applicants want to discuss why the cited "Web Robots" does not disclose the claim requirement accessing a content page at an addressable location and processing the content page using a parameter provided by the content provider in the customizable settings to generate output information that is indicated in the metadata.

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With respect to claim 2, the Examiner cited pg. 4 of Koster as teaching the claim requirements that the customized settings include parameters and access methods unique to an arrangement of content in the content provider's data repository, wherein the access methods process the accessed content page using the parameter. The cited pg. 4 discusses how the instructions indicate URLs that the web robot is allowed and disallowed to access. Applicants want to discuss why the cited pg. 4 nowhere anywhere disclose that the customized settings, or instructions, indicate an access method using a parameter to access the content page.

Applicants further want to discuss the patentability of claim 5 and 8 over the cited art.

Applicants request that the Examiner contact the attorney to arrange a time for a phone interview to discuss these issues.

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